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4. A cigarette filter as in claim 2 wherein the fiber is loaded with pure methanol flavorant delivering material in solid powder form or in dissolved or melt liquid forms.

5. A cigarette filter as in claim 2 wherein the fiber is loaded with methanol flavorant delivering material supported on an adsorption/absorption particle.

Please see Appendix 1 for the changes made to the claims. Terms underlined are to be added. Terms bracketed are to be deleted.

Add the following claims.

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7. A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a filter, the filter comprising a micro-porous fiber with open or semi-open cavities which are loaded with a flavorant delivery material in solid or liquid form.

8. A cigarette as in claim 7 wherein the fiber is a trilobal fiber with continuous open or semi-open cavities.

9. A cigarette as in claim 8 wherein the flavorant delivery material is methanol supported on an adsorption/absorption particle.

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied in view of the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2002, and reconsideration of that Action is requested in view of the following comments.

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, the deadline for responding to the Office Action has been extended until November 4, 2002 (November 2, 2002 being a Saturday), and this response is therefore timely filed since it was deposited in the mail for First Class Delivery Service on the date certified on the front page hereof.